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Atty Docket No.: 200312069-3
App. Ser. No.: 10/599,529

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 17-24 are currently pending in the application of which claims 17, 22, 23 and 24 are independent. Claim 22 was rejected.

By virtue of the amendment above, claim 22 has been amended.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the amendment above. Entry thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 17-21, 23 and 24 were allowed.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Telephone Interview Conducted with Examiner

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone interview conducted on May 17, 2010. As discussed during that interview, independent claim 22 is to be amended to replace the term "including" with "for transporting" on line 2 thereof. In addition, the Examiner agreed that this amendment will obviate the pending rejection of independent claim 22.

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Accordingly, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claims 17-21, 23, and 24 are allowed is acknowledged with appreciation. Independent claim 22 is also considered to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinct claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 22 has been amended to recite a "transporting means for transporting". The Examiner and the undersigned agreed during the telephone interview that this amendment obviates the pending rejection. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of independent claim 22 and to allow this claim.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection
with this request to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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